



As we enter October it's hard to believe we've been working through the pandemic for 6 months. I'm constantly impressed and grateful for the hard work and exemplary customer service that our employees continue to provide despite the challenges. We are trying to come up with creative ways to celebrate our success and acknowledge our heroes. Please share any stories that you hear about and we will do our best to

get the word out. Today's bulletin provides a few examples.

2020 Chamber Centurion Awards

The National City Chamber held its annual Centurion Awards celebrating distinguished Public Safety Personnel, Educators, and Healthcare Professionals. The event included awards to Captain Scott Robinson from the Fire Department for his work coordinating the flu shot clinics for residents and Corporal Salvador Gil from the Police Department who was honored for the medical assistance he provided to the US Post Office employee who was seriously wounded when a vehicle struck him outside his vehicle on the roadside. We are very proud of their contributions to our community and for demonstrating our [Core Values](#).

Flu Clinic Open for City Employees

Beginning October 6, flu shots will be available to City staff who may be having trouble obtaining the vaccination through their healthcare provider. Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever this season to protect yourself and your family. It also helps reduce the burden on our healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last two weeks the Fire Department, along with nurses from Pt. Loma Nazarene, have provided 253 flu vaccinations to community members for free. The Flu Clinic is open every Tuesday from 9am-1pm at Fire Station #34 (343 E.16th St.). You can view the event flyer [here](#).

Halloween Celebration - October 29!

Get your costumes ready and join us if you dare for a wicked Halloween scare! This year we are including a pumpkin decorating contest to the festivities. We'll have treats on the employee patio in the afternoon and will announce the prize winners! In order to be entered into the costume or pumpkin decorating contest please RSVP to Esther before 6pm on October 26. Check out the event flyers [here](#) for more goolish details!

Prepare for Disasters & Stay Informed

September is National Preparedness Month and over the month of bulletins I've provided information and resources on the following preparedness themes.

- [Make a Plan](#) ✓
- [Build a Kit](#) ✓
- [Prepare for Disasters & Stay Informed](#) ✓
- [Teach Youth about Preparedness](#) ✓

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved. Encourage youth to get involved and share important emergency preparedness resources with their friends and peers. Whether you're a kid, a teen, a parent or loved one, or work with youth you can help your community be more prepared. For more information visit www.ready.gov/kids.

- Does your child know when and how to dial 911? Teach kids when and how to call important phone numbers in an emergency.
- Children who are prepared experience less anxiety and feel more confident during emergencies and disasters. Talk with your kids about disasters, play fun games and more at www.ready.gov/kids

August/September Birthdays

After we sent out October birthdays last week, it was noted that we accidentally forgot to send out the August and September birthdays! Please join me in wishing our team members with August and September birthdays another year of health and happiness: [August birthdays](#) and [September birthdays](#).